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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO 1.53(b) DIVISIONAL

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application is a divisional of Application No. 08/865,403, filed May 29, 1997. Please amend the instant application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following heading and paragraph on Page 1 after the title:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This is a divisional of copending U.S. Application No. 08/865,403, filed on May 29, 1997, which claims priority to Japanese Application No. P08-145358, filed June 7, 1996, all of which are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 13 with the following paragraph:

A user connects his/her terminal provided with a modem function to a terminal provided by a network provider via a public telephone line. The network provider connects his/her